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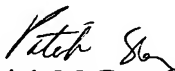
Claims 1 – 75 and 77 – 96 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 97 – 105 have been added as claims dependent from independent Claim 76. These new claims recite elements that correspond to recitations previously presented in Claims 77 – 80, 86, 91, 92, 95, and 96, and no new matter has accordingly been added. An amendment has been made to independent Claim 76 for purposes of clarification. In addition, apparatus claims 106 – 112 have been added and recite elements that correspond to elements recited in certain of the method claims.

The specification has also been amended to provide updated cross references to related applications.

It is noted that this application claims the benefit of the filing date of U.S. Pat. Appl. No. 10/405,953 (“the parent application”) under 35 U.S.C. §120. A Restriction Requirement was issued in the parent application and an election was made to prosecute claims that correspond to Claims 1 – 75 and 77 – 96 of the present application without traverse. Claim 76 thus corresponds to an unelected claim of the parent application and it is accordingly believed that the present application is properly considered to be a divisional application of the parent application. The specification has therefore been amended to identify this as a divisional application and an Application Data Sheet is being submitted concurrently herewith to request issuance of a Corrected Filing Receipt showing the claim for the benefit of an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. §120 in the form of a divisional application.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 303-571-4000.

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